

## VIOLATION OF THE LAW

Charged by the Government in Beging Suit Against

### SO-CALLED LUMBER TRUST

Conspiracy Is Alleged—A Gigantic Combination, It Is Stated, Has Tried to Throttle Trade.

New York, May 20.—Sweeping charges of a gigantic conspiracy to maintain high prices, to blacklist certain concerns and to violate generally the Sherman anti-trust law are made in a government suit filed by Attorney General Wickersham in the United States court here yesterday against the so-called lumber trust.

Ten trade organizations and more than 150 individuals are named as defendants in this suit, which may be the first of several planned by the department of justice against combinations of retailers in staple commodities and the necessities of life to prevent the ultimate consumer from buying anywhere except from local retailers.

The government's suit is replete with sensational allegations, and it is asserted that builders and consumers of lumber the country over are at the mercy of the retailers' organizations in different sections of the United States. The suit filed yesterday is against the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' association, which is the central body of nine local organizations covering five states, the District of Columbia and the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistant, Clark McKelcher, have devoted more than a year to gathering the evidence on which the suit is based. This evidence includes copies of the alleged agreements, blacklists and reports of the various organizations, branding wholesalers and retailers who have dared to violate the rules of the association as "poachers," "Mavericks," "scalpers" and "illegitimate dealers," to whom "short shrift" must be applied. This is the government's first anti-trust suit conforming to the supreme court's Standard Oil decision in that it alleges "undue" and "unreasonable" restraint of trade of the consumer and the manufacturer. It is the evident purpose of the plea to confine the charge largely to that feature, small stress being placed upon the restraint of trade among the conspirators themselves.

The government charges in brief that by an elaborate system of blacklisting, not only individual consumers but some of the largest industrial corporations have been prevented from dealing directly with wholesalers. By alleged unlawful agreements and acts, it is charged that all competition for the trade of the contractor, the builder, the manufacturer of finished lumber products and the individual consumer has been thrown

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Rocky, Ark.

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entirely into the hands of the retailers in the eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' association and its constituent organizations.

The government's bill alleges that in some localities a wholesaler selling to a consumer has either been heavily fined or expelled from the organization.

Officials of the department of justice regard the suit as the most important in principle of any yet undertaken by the government against alleged conspiracies said to affect the cost of living. It is believed that should the courts uphold the government's contention that it is a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law to prevent the ultimate consumer from buying direct from the producer, other suits will be started against combinations of retailers alleged to be in control of the marketing of many of the commodities of life.

The defendants named in the suit, and who are alleged to have conspired among themselves, with the assistance of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association to prevent wholesalers from selling directly or indirectly to consumers are:

The Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' association, a New York corporation, with offices at No. 318 Broadway; the New York Lumber Trade association of New York City; the Building Material Men's association of Connecticut; the Massachusetts Retail Lumber Dealers' association; the Lumber Dealers' association of Rhode Island; the Retail Lumbermen's association of Baltimore; the officers and directors, trustees and members of the above are named as individual defendants, as well as the officers and directors and members of the three following voluntary organizations: The New Jersey Lumbermen's Protective association, the Retail Lumbermen's association of Philadelphia, the Lumber Exchange of the District of Columbia.

The government asks for a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from continuing the conspiracy charged.

## CANADIAN PARLIAMENT TAKES A RECESS

In the Interior the Liberals Will Carry on Campaign of Education on Reciprocity.

Ottawa, May 20.—Parliament yesterday finished practically all the business of the session except the passage of the bill ratifying reciprocity. The house of commons adjourned until July 18 and the Senate until August 9.

Outgoing trains throughout the day were crowded with members, both liberals and conservatives, hurrying to their constituencies to begin the campaign on reciprocity. Both sides have arranged programs of meetings covering practically the whole recess. The liberal members will conduct a campaign of education in favor of the ratification of the reciprocity pact and the opposition members will endeavor to arouse the country to hostility against it.

Opposition leader Borden leaves next month for a three weeks' tour of the Canadian west. He will speak at two meetings each day and it is reported that he will have a lively tour as the grain growers are organized pro-reciprocity demonstrations at each speaking point. Finance minister Fielding will take a vacation trip. The other members of the Canadian government after a few cabinet meetings will stump the country in the interests of reciprocity. The attitude of the opposition towards ratification of the agreement when the house resumes in July will enable the government within a short time to decide whether it will attempt to force a vote this autumn or dissolve parliament and appeal to the country in a general election with reciprocity as the issue.

### SHOT HIMSELF.

Colonel Seixas, Well Known Financier, a Suicide.

New York, May 20.—Col. Henry O. Seixas, a widely known financier and a director in many prominent industrial corporations, including the Langdon Monotype Machine company, committed suicide in Central park yesterday afternoon by shooting himself.

The body was found just east of the west Side drive, opposite 77th street. Colonel Seixas was about 70 years of age.

No cause has as yet been learned for Colonel Seixas' self destruction.

## HARD BATTING BY SPAULDING

Gave Them 19 to 8 Victory Over Randolph High

### ERRORS WERE NUMEROUS

Cutler Started to Twirl for Spaulding but Let Williams Finish After Home Team Had Game Well in Hand.

With the sting of last season's two defeats still lingering in their memories, the nine baseballists representing Spaulding high school lured the aggregation from Randolph high school to the driving park yesterday afternoon and there proceeded to inflict a 19 to 8 drubbing upon their erstwhile vanquishers. Sixteen safe bingles, five of them doubles and a total of 18 stolen bases tell half the story of Randolph's inglorious attempt to repeat the record of 1910.

Cutler started the game for the locals and after he had things well in hand, he retired in favor of Williams, who managed to keep the visitors at arm's length and usually farther away. Stuart, Williams and Jackson divided batting honors by touching the opposing twirlers for three safe ones each. Kenefick and Ogston followed closely with two hits each.

A lucky young boy artist, named Sharp started in for Randolph. In the first round he was fortunate in pulling out of a hole with the aid of a double completed by Hyzer and Rowell. The second inning, however, saw Hagan, Jackson and Ogston slamming out safe ones and when the dust cleared away the husky one was three runs to the bad. Another trio of runs followed in the third on hits by Kenefick, Stuart and Jackson. In the fourth Williams and Kenefick figured in bingles that registered another pair.

If any doubts remained as to who would get the verdict at the finish, they were all dispelled by the end of the sixth inning. The fifth witnessed the piling up of six tallies through the efforts of Stuart, Ogston and Milne. To aid in the work of destruction, Sharp allowed Hagan to walk and Martin and Sault figured in miserable errors. A series of clouts, misuses and stolen bases came in the sixth and added five runs that brought the total up to 19. The locals paused for breath at this state, and before the craving for another swat-fest had returned, the umpire called the affair off in order to allow the visitors to catch their train.

Randolph scored a run in the first when Austin got a life at first on Hagan's error, going to second on Angel's sacrifice, and scoring when Rowell pushed a grounder to Williams, who fielded it to first. With a man down in the fifth, Sault drew a pass and Austin was safe at first on an error by short. Both hot-footed it for the plate, when Rowell clouted out a double into center. The latter scored on Kenefick's misfire. Angel and Bruce fanned and the side retired. A score in the sixth was secured on singles by Averill and Gay.

The game had ceased to hold its attraction for Spaulding by the eighth inning and the local schoolboys generously donated three more runs to make the final outcome look more respectable. With two men on bases, Gay, the second pitcher, landed on Williams for two bases, bringing in two tallies. He came in for the eighth and last run on a fielder's choice. Sault fanned immediately after, and Randolph's little squirt and the game also were over.

The score:  
Randolph ab r h po a e  
Austin, cf 6 2 1 2 0 0  
Angel, 1b 4 0 1 6 0 1  
Rowell, 2b 4 1 2 3 1 0  
Martin, ss 4 0 0 1 0 2  
Bruce, 3b 4 0 0 1 0 1  
Averill, c, lf 4 1 2 2 0 1  
Hyzer, rf 4 2 0 3 1 0  
Sharpe, p, 3b 4 1 0 3 0 0  
Sault, lf, c 3 1 1 3 0 1  
Gay, p 2 2 2 0 0 0  
37 8 9 21 5 6

Spaulding ab r h po a e  
Williams, 3b, p 5 2 3 2 3 0  
Kenefick, 2b 5 3 2 2 1 2  
Stuart, ss 5 3 3 1 1 2  
Troup, lf 4 2 0 0 0 0  
Cutler, p, cf 3 1 1 0 3 0  
Hagan, 1b 4 2 1 10 0 1  
Jackson, c 5 2 3 7 2 0  
Ogston, cf, 3b 4 2 0 0 1 0  
Milne, rf 5 2 1 2 0 0  
40 19 16 24 10 6

Innings ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 R H E  
Randolph ..... 1 0 0 3 1 0 3 — 8 9 6  
Spaulding ..... 0 3 3 2 6 5 0 — 19 16 6

Bases on balls, off Williams 1; off Sharpe 1 off Gay 2; two base hits, Williams, Kenefick, Stuart 2, Jackson, Rowell, Gay; double play, Hyzer to Rowell; struck out, by Cutler 4, by Williams 3, by Gay 3; left on bases, Spaulding 5, Randolph 5; stolen bases, Spaulding 19, Randolph 4; umpire, Freely; time 1:30.

### School Baseball at Montpelier.

At intercity park yesterday afternoon, Montpelier high school defeated Peoples' academy, 3 to 2. Montpelier won by superior batting, finding Barrows for nine hits, while Ballard held the Morrisville boys down to five.

On the Montpelier seminary campus yesterday afternoon Burlington high defeated the seminary by the score of 10 to 5 in a loosely played game.

### Yesterday's National League Results.

At Boston, St. Louis 5, Boston 3.  
At Philadelphia, Chicago 7, Philadelphia 2.  
At New York, New York 4, Pittsburgh 3.  
At Brooklyn, Brooklyn 2, Cincinnati 0.

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Pittsburg	19	10	.655
New York	17	12	.586
Chicago	17	13	.567
Cincinnati	17	13	.567
St. Louis	11	15	.423
Brooklyn	10	20	.333
Boston	8	24	.250

### Yesterday's American League Results.

At Detroit, Detroit 9, Philadelphia 8.  
At St. Louis, New York 10, St. Louis 6.  
At Cleveland, Cleveland 7, Washington 1.  
At Chicago, Boston 4, Chicago 3.

### American League Standing.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Detroit	27	5	.844
Chicago	16	13	.552
Boston	16	14	.533
New York	14	14	.500
Philadelphia	13	15	.464
Cleveland	14	18	.438
Washington	10	18	.357
St. Louis	9	22	.290

### RACE SUICIDE IS GROWING IN FRANCE

Birth Rate Lowest in Century, Points Out Dr. Bertillon, Paris Statistician.

Paris, May 20.—The Journal Official publishes an article by Dr. Jacques Bertillon, chief statistician of Paris, calling attention to the disastrous conditions shown by the birth and death statistics in France for 1910. The complete figures are as follows:

Marrriages, 303,280; divorces, 13,040; births, 774,358; deaths, 703,777.

The births are the lowest for a century. In 1899 the birth numbered 1,018,000. They dwindled to 884,000 in 1902, and numbered 899,000 in 1907.

The number of deaths in 1910 was exceptionally low; yet the excess of births over deaths was only 70,581, compared with 884,061 in Germany.

Dr. Bertillon concludes by declaring that there is no reason, physiological or economic, which prevents France from increasing as other nations, and no motive for her to resign herself shamefully to race suicide.

### WON'T STOP REVOLUTION

Said Vice President Corral of Mexico about Diaz' Resignation.

Paris, May 20.—"I do not believe that the resignation of President Diaz will really stop the revolution." This emphatic declaration was made recently by Vice President Corral of Mexico, whose resignation, along with that of President Diaz, has been proffered by the Mexican administration as a concession to the revolutionists.

Senator Corral, who has been ill for several days, said that he had received no official advice or personal messages from President Diaz, covering the latest developments in Mexico and until he heard directly he would make no decision with reference to his resignation. Nevertheless he intimated that he foresaw a possibility that the condition of his health might necessitate his retirement from office.

"Let me say this again, the retirement of President Diaz will not end the revolt, because Madero's authority exists only in the state of Chihuahua." Senator Corral added: "In the other disturbed provinces he has no real influence. I believe it almost certain that the revolution will continue throughout the affected areas, at least in guerrilla form."

Asked his opinion as to how an end could be put to the revolution which he predicts, the vice president replied that the only way was for the federal army to pursue the rebels persistently and constantly until they finally conquered them.

### PAID \$17,000 FOR "THE ESSEX RING"

Lord Michelham of Hellingly Buys Relic That Cost the Earle His Life.

London, May 20.—Seventeen thousand dollars was paid at auction at Christie's, by Lord Michelham of Hellingly, for the tragical relic known as "The Essex Ring," which was given to the Earl of Essex by Queen Elizabeth as a token of her regard, and which, according to tradition, was to be returned to the queen if her friend was imperilled. The ring was to insure her protection. When the earl was condemned to death, so the story goes, he entrusted the ring for its return to the queen, to the Countess of Nottingham, who, however, influenced by enemies of the earl, failed to execute her mission. Elizabeth, offended at not receiving a plea for mercy from the earl, permitted him to suffer the penalty of death.

The ring has since been in the possession of the descendants of the Earl of Essex, and was sold by the executors of Lord John Thyme.

### NEVER LEND, PROSPERITY RULE.

American, Who Died in England, Wills Daughter Some Timely Advice.

London, May 20.—David Kohn of Manhattan, who died some time ago, left an estate in the United Kingdom valued at \$244,245. In his will Mr. Kohn bequeathed the bulk of his property to his daughter, Mrs. Edith Seligman, who lives at Staplehurst, in Kent. In the will, which was probated recently, the testator says, among other things:

"I hereby enjoin my dear beloved daughter and my son-in-law to observe the advice here set down for their benefit: Be saving; take very little risk and do not lend money, for my experience in this respect has been unfortunate. Rather give what you can afford and let it go at that."

### INQUIRY ORDERED.

An Investigation of B. & M. Train Service Coming.

Boston, May 20.—Following recent reports that the Boston & Maine railroad intended to reduce its number of passenger trains now operating in this state, the House yesterday adopted the order of Representative John W. Hanks of Montague providing that the board of railroad commissioners be instructed to investigate the proposed decrease.

The board is instructed to determine whether there have been any reductions since July 1, 1908, and whether, if there have been any such decreases in passenger service, it is justified from the standpoint of public interest. The board is instructed to give public hearings and report by June 10.

## LORIMER CASE UP AGAIN

Senate Sentiment for Second Investigation

### INCLINED TO FAVOR ACTION

By Regular Committee—Direct Vote Bill to Be Urged by Borah—He Expects to Reach Test on it Next Week.

Washington, May 20.—The indications are that the Senate will refer the LaFollette resolution providing for a second investigation of the election of William Lorimer as a senator from Illinois to the committee on privileges and elections. The Wisconsin senator, it will be recalled, provides in his resolution that the investigation shall be made by a special committee of five first term senators, whom the resolution names.

A careful canvass of the Senate made this week by interested senators seems to show plainly that the sentiment in the Senate is in favor of having the investigation made through the regular channels. Senator LaFollette is not certain that he will press for a vote on his resolution next Monday, although he will call it up that day. The anti-Lorimer senators are considering the advisability of expressing some views on the case before they permit the resolution to come to a vote.

Apparently sentiment in the Senate is now strongly in favor of a second investigation. The action of the Illinois state Senate in forwarding to the United States Senate all the evidence taken before the investigating committee of the state Senate has tended to impress the United States with the importance of making another investigation. LaFollette expects to have the evidence taken in the recent investigation in Illinois by the time he calls up his resolution. While it cannot be said that any definite plan for the investigation has been agreed upon, there is a sort of tentative understanding that a committee from the committee on privileges and elections shall sit during the interval between the ending of the regular session in December and be prepared to report to the Senate early in the regular session.

Senator Borah of Idaho, who is in charge of the resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of senators said yesterday that he expects to obtain a vote on this resolution next week. The friends of the resolution say, after a canvass of the Senate, that the vote on the Sutherland amendment—the amendment which would reserve federal control of the election of senators—may be a tie. This would require the vice president to cast the deciding vote. It is taken for granted that he would vote for the amendment.

### BLACK HILLS RESERVATION.

Harney National Forest Is Established by President Taft.

Washington, May 20.—President Taft has signed a proclamation establishing the Harney national forest in South Dakota. It embraces 583,820 acres formerly contained in the Black Hill forest and 58,727 acres taken from the public domain.

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### English Views on the Tariff.

Among the interesting statements of fact presented by James Davenport Whelpley in his article in the June "Century" on "The Commercial Strength of Great Britain," are the extremes of belief, each held by many well-educated, intelligent, practical, and thoughtful men. He quotes at length typical expressions of these opinions, both uttered to Mr. Whelpley by men high in the business world:

"What England needs," said an Englishman to me, "as a tariff for revenue with a carefully adjusted degree of protection for home industry and the power such protection will give us to favor the product of the colonies."

"Tariff reform, protection—no, sir, that is not what England wants. We don't need it. Our trade has grown to what it is because it has been free. England has been and is the marketplace of the world."

### PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

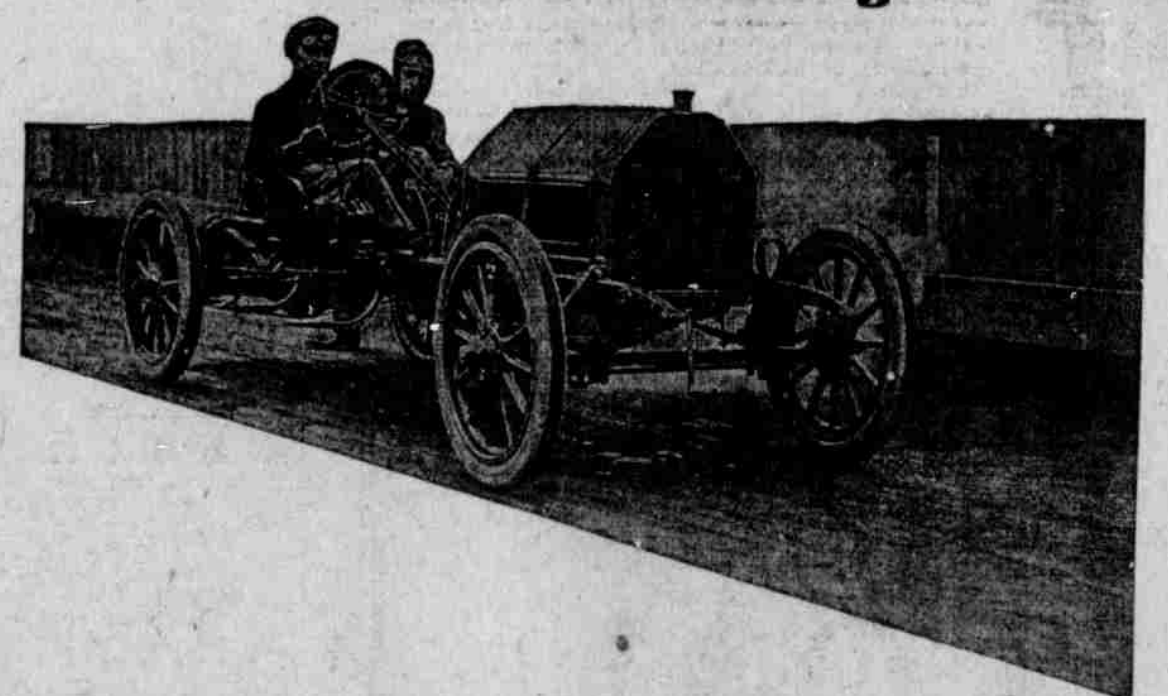
Ohio State Senator Appears Before Court in Bribery Charge.

Columbus, Ohio, May 20.—State Senator Edgar T. Crawford of Corral county, accused of soliciting a bribe of \$200 from W. H. Cook of Springfield, secretary of the Ohio Butchers and Grocers' association, pleaded not guilty when arraigned in criminal court before Judge Kinlead yesterday.

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